

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 23, 26 and 27 have been canceled. Claims 17-22, 24 and 25 have been amended.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, 11, 16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated. Claims 1-3, 6, 11 and 16 have been canceled. Claim 19 is currently amended to depend on claims 21 and 22.

The Examiner rejected claims 4 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable. Claim 4 has been canceled. Claim 17 is currently amended to depend on claims 21 and 22.

The Examiner rejected claims 5, 7, 18, 20 and 26 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claims 5, 7, and 26 have been canceled, claims 18 and 20 are currently amended to depend on claims 21 and 22.

The Examiner rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable. Claim 12 has been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claim 13 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. as being unpatentable. Claims 13 and 23 have been canceled.

The Examiner objected to claims 8-10, 14, 15, 21, 24, 25, 27 and 28 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 21 and 22 have been rewritten as independent claims. Claims 17-20, 24, 25, and 28 have been rewritten as depending on claims 21 and 22. Claim 20 remain as to depend on claim 19. Since amended claims 21 and 22 are no longer unpatentable, and the remaining claims are amended directly or indirectly dependent on claims 21 and 22 and therefore should be also patentable.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 17-22, 24 and 25 as amended, are in condition for allowance. Reexamination of the objections is requested. Allowance of claims 17-22, 24 and 25 at an early date is solicited.

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